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U.S. National Phase entry. The required English-language translation of this complete text is not yet available, but will be post-filed in due course.

The currently co-filed German-language application text includes multiply dependent claims 3 - 28. For convenient reference, these claims start on numbered page 24 of the co-filed German text and continue to numbered page 27, inclusive.

The present Amendment is being filed solely to eliminate these multiply dependent claims, so that their multiple dependency will not affect the filing fee calculation for this U.S. application. The German-language claims (3 to 28, inclusive), which are being cancelled hereby, were all characterized by being directly or indirectly multiply dependent on a remaining claim. By the present claim cancellations, those multiple dependencies will all have been eliminated. The only claims remaining in the co-filed German-language application text will be independent claim 1 and dependent claim 2, both of which are found on numbered page 23 of the co-filed German application text.

When the required English translation mentioned above is filed in due course, there will be co-filed a second Preliminary Amendment, which will also eliminate from that English translation all multiple dependencies of claims. It is intended that this elimination of multiple dependencies from the English translation will not be made through claim cancellations, as in the present Preliminary Amendment, but will be made by the more

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commonly used method of appropriately amending those claims which were initially multiply dependent.

The end result of all this is that the application will then contain 28 English-language claims, none of which will be multiply dependent. That is why page 2 of the enclosed Transmittal Letter . . . (Form PTO 1390) shows a fee calculation based on a total of 28 claims, but no multiple dependent claim, and so is the accompanying fee payment.

In view of all the above, it is requested that the filing fee for this application be calculated on the basis of the claim structure as described in these Remarks, and reflected on the above-mentioned page 2 of Form PTO 1390.

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